



Former President Donald Trump speaks at a rally at the Minden Tahoe Airport in Minden, Nev., Saturday, Oct. 8, 2022.

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Trump Organization faces criminal tax fraud trial over perks

By MICHAEL R. SISK
Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — For years, as Donald Trump was soaring from reality TV star to the White House, his real estate empire was bankrolling big perks for some of his top executives, including apartments and luxury cars.

Now Trump's company, the Trump Organization, is on trial for criminal tax fraud — on the hook for what prosecutors say was a 15-year scheme by his most trusted

lieutenant to avoid paying taxes on those fringe benefits.

In opening statements Monday, prosecutors and defense lawyers sparred over the company's culpability for the actions of Allen Weisselberg, who has pleaded guilty and agreed to testify as a star prosecution witness in exchange for a five-month jail sentence.

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Family in Oklahoma murder-suicide faced financial pressures

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BROKEN ARROW, Okla. (AP)

— An Oklahoma couple considered “primary suspects” in last week’s killings of their six children faced growing financial pressures and the husband experienced recurring pain from a workplace head injury, family members say.

Eight people were found dead Thursday in a burning home in a Tulsa-area suburb in what authorities are investigating as a murder-suicide. The Broken Arrow Police Department on Sunday identified the two adults as Brian and Brittney Nelson but provided no new information on whether both adults were involved in the killings of the children, who ranged in age from 1 to 13.

Brian Nelson’s parents, Danny and Marilyn Nelson, told the Tulsa World that their son had asked if they



From left, Brian Anthony Nelson II, Kurgan Nelson, Ragnar Nelson, Brantley Nelson and Vegeta Nelson are seen in a framed photograph in their grandparents apartment in Tulsa, Okla., on Friday, Oct. 28, 2022.

could babysit their grandchildren at 5 p.m. Thursday, the day of the fire.

“Five came and went. Then it was 6. I texted them — no responses,” Danny Nelson said. “I turned on the 6 o’clock news, and they said there had been a fire near Hickory and Galves-

ton in Broken Arrow. That’s where my son lives.”

Police have not released the names of the children who died but the Nelsons identified them as grandson Brian II, age 13; granddaughter Brantley, 9; grandsons Vegeta, 7, Ragnar, 5, and Kurgan, 2; and

granddaughter Britannica, 1.

All six children were found dead in a burning back bedroom and the two adults were found in the front of the home. Authorities said causes of death were still pending but they don’t believe anyone died

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from the fire.

Brian and Brittney Nelson had filed for bankruptcy in 2020, listing \$8,803 in assets versus nearly \$138,000 in liabilities, most of which was unpaid student loans, the newspaper reported. Both indicated they were unemployed at the time, according to the filing said. The bankruptcy filing also listed nine guns as assets.

Years ago, Brian Nelson had suffered a concussion while stocking dairy refrigerators at a large retail chain and had been plagued by severe headaches ever since, his parents said.

“I want people to know that at one time he had all his brain together,” Marilyn Nelson said. “I just don’t understand why they did what they did. I just don’t understand why he ended up in that situation. I talk to God all the time — and I just don’t understand.” □

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Later, another Trump Organization executive, senior vice president and controller Jeffrey McConney, walked a prosecutor through financial records, including Weisselberg’s payroll forms and ledger entries showing that the company paid for Weisselberg’s car leases. He will resume testifying Tuesday.

McConney, whom prosecutors say helped Weisselberg by misreporting his income to tax authorities, was granted immunity to testify last year before a grand jury and to testify again at the criminal trial. He said he appeared before the grand jury eight times on a variety of Trump-related matters.

The tax fraud case is the only criminal trial to arise from the Manhattan district attorney’s three-year investigation of the former president and is one of three active cases involving Trump or the company in New York courts.

Prosecutor Susan Hoffinger argued in her opening

statement that the Trump Organization — through its subsidiaries Trump Corp. and Trump Payroll Corp. — is liable because Weisselberg, the longtime finance chief, was a “high managerial agent” entrusted to act on behalf of the company and its various entities.

The company, she said, benefited because it didn’t have to pay Weisselberg and at least two other executives who received perks as much in salary and bonus pay — which for Weisselberg totaled close to \$1 million a year.

The company also saved money when giving out Christmas bonuses by paying top executives as independent contractors through subsidiary companies, such as its golf courses and the ice rink it managed in Central Park, Hoffinger said.

“This case is about greed and cheating — cheating on taxes,” Hoffinger told jurors. “(The Trump Organization) paid their already highly paid executives even more by helping them cheat on taxes.”

A Trump Organization lawyer, Michael van der Veen, countered that the Weisselberg had gone rogue and betrayed the company’s trust. Weisselberg concocted the scheme without Trump or the Trump family’s knowledge, cheated on his personal income taxes and lied to the company about what he’d done, van der Veen said.

“This case is about individual, personal greed and the abuse of trust necessary to feed that greed. Allen Weisselberg is a man who has fallen to that greed,” van der Veen said.

“Weisselberg did it for Weisselberg,” he said.

Weisselberg has pleaded guilty to taking \$1.7 million in off-the-books compensation. His Manhattan apartment, Mercedes-Benz cars for him and his wife, and his grandchildren’s school tuition were all paid for by the company. His son and another Trump Organization executive also received off-the-books compensation, prosecutors said.

When they say the Trump company, “what they re-

ally mean is Allen Weisselberg did something illegal with the intent to benefit Allen Weisselberg, his buddy or his son,” another company lawyer, Susan Necheles, told jurors.

If convicted, the Trump Organization could be fined more than \$1 million and could face difficulty in securing new loans and deals. Some partners and government entities could seek to cut ties with the company. It could also hamper its ability to do business with the U.S. Secret Service, which sometimes pays the company for lodging and services while protecting Trump as a former president.

Neither Trump nor any of his children who have worked as Trump Organization executives are charged or accused of wrongdoing. Trump signed some of the checks at the center of the case, but Necheles said evidence will show he knew nothing about the scheme. The Trump Organization is the entity through which Trump manages his many ventures, including invest-

ments in golf courses, luxury towers and other real estate, his many marketing deals and his TV pursuits.

Prosecutors have said they expect to call 15 witnesses, including Weisselberg, McConney and other Trump Organization officials. Judge Juan Manuel Merchan said he expects the trial to take at least four weeks.

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Aside from the criminal case, Trump and the Trump Organization are defendants in a lawsuit brought by New York Attorney General Letitia James, who alleges that Trump and the company inflated his net worth by billions of dollars and misled banks and others for years about the value of various assets.

A hearing in that case is scheduled for Thursday.

Meanwhile, in the Bronx, jury selection was scheduled to begin Monday in a lawsuit brought by protesters who say they were roughed up by security guards outside Trump Tower. The former president gave a deposition in that case last year. □

Police: Pelosi suspect wanted to break speaker's knees

By Lisa Mascaro, Stefanie Dazio and Terry Chea
Associated Press

San Francisco (AP) — The man accused of attacking House Speaker Nancy Pelosi's husband with a hammer told police he wanted to hold the Democratic leader hostage and "break her kneecaps" to show other members of Congress there were "consequences to actions," authorities said Monday.

In a chilling federal complaint, officials say David DePape, 42, carrying zip ties, tape and a rope in a backpack, broke into the couple's San Francisco home early Friday morning, went upstairs where 82-year-old Paul Pelosi was sleeping, and demanded to talk to "Nancy."

"This house and the speaker herself were specifically targets," San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins said at a Monday evening news conference announcing state charges against DePape, including attempted murder.

"This was politically motivated," Jenkins said. She implored the public to "watch the words that we say and to turn down the volume of our political rhetoric." Investigators believe DePape had been researching in advance to target Pelosi, Jenkins said in an interview with The Associated Press.

"This was not something that he did at the spur of the moment," she said.

In a statement late Monday, Speaker Pelosi said her family was "most grateful" for "thousands of messages conveying concern, prayers and warm wishes." Her husband underwent surgery for a fractured skull and other injuries after the attack. She said he was making "steady progress on what will be a long recovery process."

The stark narrative laid out by state and federal prosecutors stands in contrast to the mocking jokes and conspiracy theories circulated by far-right figures and even some leading Republicans just a week before midterm elections.

A record number of security threats are being reported against lawmakers and election officials.

At a campaign event Monday in Arizona, Kari Lake, the Republican candidate for governor, drew hearty laughs as she joked about security at the Pelosi home. In addition to the state charges, DePape was also charged Monday in federal court with influencing, impeding or retaliating against a federal official by threatening or injuring a family member. He also faces one count of attempted kidnapping of a United States official because of their official duties.

No attorney has been listed for DePape. He is scheduled to be arraigned Tuesday on the state charges, and prosecutors will ask for him to be held in jail without bail.

Authorities said DePape smashed a glass door in the back of the home with a hammer, went to the upstairs bedroom and told a surprised Paul Pelosi to wake up.

When Paul Pelosi told the intruder his wife was not home, DePape said he would wait — even after being told she would not be home for some days. The assailant then started taking out twist ties to tie Pelosi up, the complaint says.

DePape told investigators he wanted to talk to Speaker Pelosi and viewed her as the "leader of the pack of lies told by the Democratic Party," according to the eight-page complaint.

"If she were to tell DePape the 'truth,' he would let her go and if she 'lied,' he was going to break her kneecaps," the complaint alleges. □



San Francisco District Attorney Brooke Jenkins addresses reporters at a news conference with Police Chief William Scott standing next to her on Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, in San Francisco.
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Hoopa Valley Tribe sues US over California water contracts

By Kathleen Ronayne

Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP)

— The Hoopa Valley Tribe alleged in a lawsuit Monday that the federal government is violating its sovereignty and failing to collect money from California farms that rely on federally supplied water to pay for damages to tribal fisheries. The tribe, which has a reservation in northwest California, says in its lawsuit against the Biden administration that the Trinity River that it relies on for food and cultural purposes has been decimated by decades of the federal government diverting water.

The suit alleges the U.S. Department of the Interior has failed to follow laws that require the contractors who use that water to pay money for habitat restoration projects. It says those contractors owe \$340 million for environmental restoration work along the Trinity River and other places damaged by water diversions. "The river has become a place that is no longer a healing place, but a place that is a sick place," said Jill Sherman-Warne, a member of the Hoopa tribal council.

The suit also alleges that the federal government has failed to appropriately



Lewiston Dam on the Trinity River at Lewiston, Calif., is viewed March 12, 2003.

Associated Press

consult with the tribe on matters related to the river. The Interior Department declined to comment through spokesman Tyler Cherry. Since the 1950s, the Trinity River has been a major source of water for the Central Valley Project, a system of dams, reservoirs and canals that sends water south to farmers who harvest fruits, nuts and other crops. Fish that swim through the river include the coho salmon, which is listed as an endangered species. Twelve miles of the river flow through the tribe's reservation. Congress up-

dated laws governing the water project's operation in 1992. It gave the tribe some power to concur over changes to river flows, added requirements for protecting fish in the Trinity River, and stated any renewals of long-term water contracts had to follow existing laws. At the end of the Obama administration, Congress passed a law saying that any temporary federal contracts for water could be turned into permanent ones if they pay back the federal government for certain costs. Previously,

the contracts had to be reapproved on a regular basis.

Westlands Water District, the nation's largest agricultural water district, was one of the contractors that converted its water contract to a permanent one. The new agreement doesn't grant Westlands any additional water or promise that it will get everything in dry years, but it effectively gives the district a contract for water in perpetuity. The deal was controversial because David Bernhardt, a former Westlands lobbyist, was interior secretary when the

contract was approved and a judge later declined to validate it. But Westlands and the federal government are still moving forward with it, Westlands spokeswoman Shelley Cartwright said. The district has rejected claims it received special treatment.

The suit alleges the contract fails to include requirements for habitat restoration payments. As Bernhardt left office, he wrote a memo agreeing with staff recommendations that most environmental mitigation work related to the Central Valley Project was complete. Daniel Cordalis, deputy solicitor for water resources in Biden's Interior Department, later rescinded that decision. But the tribes allege the money has still not been paid. Cherry, the interior spokesman, didn't respond to an email asking for the department's current position on whether the work is done.

Tribal leaders, though, say restoration work is far from complete and that the river is in dire need of help.

"An integral part of the life here is the Trinity River. That changed dramatically in the 1950s when Congress chose to dam up the river," said Mike Orcutt, fisheries director for the Hoopa Valley Tribe. □

States struggle with pushback after wave of policing reforms

By Denise Lavoie, Tatyana Monnay and Juliette Rihl
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — The national reckoning on race and policing that followed



Protesters kneel in front of New York City Police Department officers before being arrested for violating curfew beside the iconic Plaza Hotel on 59th Street, Wednesday, June 3, 2020, in New York. Associated Press

the death of George Floyd with a Minneapolis police officer's knee on his neck spurred a torrent of state laws aimed at fixing the police.

More than two years later, that torrent has slowed. Some of the initial reforms have been tweaked or even rolled back after police complained that the new policies were hindering their ability to catch criminals. And while governors in all but five states signed police reform laws, many of those laws gave police more protections, as well.

More than a dozen states only passed laws aimed

at broadening police accountability; five states only passed new police protections.

States collectively approved nearly 300 police reform bills after Floyd's killing in May 2020, according to an analysis by the Howard Center for Investigative Journalism at the University of Maryland. The analysis used data from the National Conference of State Legislatures to identify legislation enacted since June 2020 that affects police oversight, training, use of force policies and mental health diversions, including crisis intervention and alternatives to arrests.

Many of the accountability laws touched on themes present in Floyd's death, including the use of body cameras and requirements that police report excessive force by their colleagues. Among other things, police rights measures gave officers the power to sue civilians for violating their civil rights.

North Carolina, for example, passed a broad law that lets authorities charge civilians if their conduct allegedly interfered with an officer's duty.

But it also created a public database of officers who were fired or suspended for misconduct. □

New president's bid to protect the Amazon will face hurdles

By **FABIANO MAISONNAVE**
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO (AP) — In a victory speech Sunday, Brazil's president-elect Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva promised to reverse a surge in deforestation in the Amazon rainforest.

"We will once again monitor and do surveillance in the Amazon. We will fight every illegal activity," leftist da Silva said in his speech at a hotel in downtown Sao Paulo. "At the same time, we will promote sustainable development of communities in the Amazon."

To achieve this in his third term, he will have to boost environmental law enforcement, face a hostile Congress and deal with state governors who have strong ties with the defeated far-right President Jair Bolsonaro. If he is serious, the job will be immense. The area deforested in Brazil's Amazon reached a 15-year high from August 2020 to July 2021, according to official figures. Satellite monitoring shows the trend in 2022 is on track to surpass



Brazil's former president who was running for reelection, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, receives a headdress from Assurini Indigenous people during a meeting with traditional populations from the Amazon in Belem, Para state, Brazil, Sept. 2, 2022. In a victory speech Sunday, Oct. 30, Brazil's president-elect da Silva promised to reverse a surge in deforestation in the Amazon rainforest.

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the previous year.

On the ground, the main challenge will be to rebuild environmental agencies and Brazil's Indigenous bureau. Da Silva also promised to create a ministry of Indigenous affairs headed

by an Indigenous person.

Under Bolsonaro, these have been led by appointees close to the agribusiness sector, which has long pushed for the legalization of land robbing and opposes the creation of pro-

ected areas such as Indigenous territories.

In 2023, the agribusiness sector, which backed Bolsonaro's failed reelection bid, will control about half of the Congress. In recent years, the caucus ad-

vanced bills to ease environmental legislation.

At the state level, six out of nine Amazon governors are Bolsonaro allies, most with strong ties with agribusiness. One of them, Marcos Rocha, from Rondonia state, got reelected two days after he made a high profile bid to burnish his anti-environment credentials by removing the protection on a conservation land roughly twice the size of two New York City.

Da Silva has to use his support at the ballot box to promote his environmental agenda, according to Caetano Scannavino, coordinator of Health & Happiness, an Amazon nonprofit that supports sustainable projects in the Tapajos basin. On the international front, da Silva's promises to preserve the world's largest rainforest have already found supporters.

The Norwegian government indicated it will resume its performance-based multi-million-dollar donations to finance anti-deforestation policies. □

Greece: Dozens missing after boat carrying migrants sinks

By **ELENA BECATOROS** Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — A major search and rescue operation was underway Tuesday for dozens of migrants reported missing after the overloaded sailing boat they were on capsized and sank in stormy weather overnight off an island near the Greek capital, authorities said.

The incident was the latest in a series of recent shipwrecks involving migrant boats in Greek seas that have left dozens of people dead or missing.

The coast guard said nine survivors, all men, had been found on an uninhabited islet south of the island of Evia and had been picked up by a coast guard vessel in the early hours of Tuesday. None had been wearing lifejackets, the coast guard said. The survivors told authorities they had been on board a sailing boat with a

total of around 68 people that had left from Izmir on the Turkish coast, and that the vessel had capsized and sank. The rescue operation was hampered by particularly rough weather, with gale force winds on Tuesday morning, the coast guard said. The area where the boat sank, the Kafireas Strait between the islands of Evia and Andros, is notoriously treacherous, with even light winds kicking up rough seas. Wind strength eased in the early afternoon, but the ongoing search had not yet located any further passengers from the sailing boat. The coast guard said authorities were initially alerted by a distress call in the early hours of Tuesday from passengers saying the boat they were on was in trouble, but they did not provide a location. An aircraft, a coast guard patrol boat and two nearby ships were participating

in the search and rescue operation.

A separate search and rescue operation was also continuing Tuesday afternoon off the coast of the eastern Aegean island of Samos, which lies near the Turkish coast, for seven people still missing from an inflatable dinghy that capsized on Monday with 12 people reportedly on board. Four survivors were rescued Monday from that incident. The coast guard said a cargo ship participating in the search and rescue operation located one body in the area on Tuesday, within Greek territorial waters. It said the body was picked up by a Turkish coast guard vessel which had not been participating in the search and rescue operation. □

The coast guard said the Turkish vessel harassed a Greek coast guard vessel and tried to damage



In this photo provided by the Greek Coast Guard, some of the nine men who survived a shipwreck and were found on an uninhabited islet are covered with a thermal blankets as they sit aboard a Greek Coast guard vessel, in the Aegean Sea, Greece, on Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. A major search and rescue operation was underway Tuesday for dozens of people missing after the boat they were on capsized and sank in stormy weather overnight off the coast of an island near the Greek capital. The coast guard said nine survivors, all men, had been found on an uninhabited islet south of the island of Evia and had been picked up by a coast guard vessel.

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it, while also "displaying weaponry." Tension has been high between neighbors and NATO allies

Greece and Turkey, which are at odds over a series of issues, including territorial disputes in the Aegean. □

S. Korea officials admit responsibility in Halloween tragedy

By **HYUNG-JIN KIM** Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)

— South Korean officials admitted responsibility and apologized on Tuesday for failures in preventing and responding to a Halloween crowd surge that killed more than 150 people and left citizens shocked and angry. The government is facing growing public scrutiny over whether the crush Saturday night in Seoul's Itaewon district, a popular nightlife neighborhood, could have been prevented and who should take responsibility for the country's worst disaster in years.

National police chief Yoon Hee Keun said an initial investigation found there were many urgent calls from citizens notifying authorities about the potential danger of the crowd gathering in Itaewon. He said police officers who received the calls failed to handle them effectively.

"I feel a heavy responsibility (for the disaster) as the head of one of the related government offices," Yoon said in a televised news conference. "Police will do their best to prevent a tragedy like this from happening again."



A man bows to pay tribute to victims of a deadly accident following Saturday night's Halloween festivities on a street near the scene in Seoul, South Korea, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. South Korean police investigated on Monday what caused a crowd surge that killed more than 150 people during Halloween festivities in Seoul in the country's worst disaster in years. Associated Press

Yoon said police have launched an intense internal probe into the officers' handling of the emergency calls and other issues, such as the on-the-spot response to the crowd surge in Itaewon that night.

Separately, South Korea's interior minister, emergency office chief, Seoul mayor and the head of a ward office that includes the Itaewon neighborhood all

offered public apologies. Seoul Mayor Oh Se-hoon apologized deeply and wept and briefly halted his news conference as he talked about the parent of a 20-year-old woman who was declared dead earlier in the day. The disaster which left at least 156 people dead and 151 others injured was concentrated in a narrow downhill alley in Itaewon. Witnesses

described people falling on one another, suffering severe breathing difficulties and falling unconscious. They said rescuers and ambulances failed to reach the cramped alleys in time because the entire Itaewon area was packed with slow-moving vehicles and partygoers clad in Halloween costumes.

Most of the dead were in their 20s and 30s, and about

two-thirds were women.

During a Cabinet council meeting Tuesday, President Yoon Suk Yeol acknowledged that South Korea lacks research on crowd management. He called for the use of drones and other high-tech resources to develop an effective crowd control capability, and said the government will soon meet with experts to review national safety rules.

The crowd surge is South Korea's deadliest disaster since a 2014 ferry sinking that killed 304 people and exposed lax safety rules and regulatory failures. Saturday's surge has raised public questions about what South Korea has done since then to prevent human-made disasters.

After the Itaewon disaster, police launched a 475-member task force to find its cause.

Senior police officer Nam Gu-Jun told reporters Monday that officers have obtained videos taken by about 50 security cameras in the area and were analyzing video clips posted on social media. Nam said police had also interviewed more than 40 witnesses and survivors so far. □

Shanghai Disney guests kept in closed park for virus testing

By **JOE McDONALD** AP Business Writer

BEIJING (AP)

— Visitors to Shanghai Disneyland were temporarily blocked from leaving as part of virus testing that extended to more than 400,000 people, the city government announced Tuesday.

The park closed Monday for testing of staff and visitors, Walt Disney Co. and the government said in separate statements. The city health bureau said guests all tested negative and were allowed to leave by 8:30 p.m.

No details of a possible outbreak were released, but 1.3 million residents of the downtown Yangpu district were ordered Friday to stay at home for virus testing.

President Xi Jinping's government is sticking to a severe "Zero COVID" strategy that has shut down Shanghai and other cities this year to isolate every case while other countries are easing anti-virus controls.

Also Tuesday, authorities in the southern territory of Macao were carrying out virus tests on all of its 700,000 residents after one case was found last week.

Hong Kong's main stock market index surged 5.2% on Tuesday after a comment circulated on Chinese social media that said the ruling Communist Party might set up a "reopening committee" to look at ways to wind down anti-virus controls. A foreign ministry spokesman, Zhao Lijian,

told reporters he was "not aware of what you just mentioned" when asked about the rumor.

Outbreaks in Shanghai in March led to a shutdown that confined most of its 25 million people to their homes for two months.

The city government appealed to anyone who had visited the Shanghai Disney Resort since Thursday to undergo three days of nucleic acid testing and avoid gathering in groups. Disney said Monday parts of the resort closed due to anti-virus regulations but gave no indication visitors were kept inside. It said Shanghai Disneyland, Disneytown and Wishing Star Park were closed while two hotels were operating nor-

mally. Some rides and other amusements kept operat-

ing Monday while visitors were tested, according to social media posts. □



A woman has her throat swabbed for a COVID-19 test at a coronavirus testing site in Beijing, Tuesday, Nov. 1, 2022. Shanghai Disneyland was closed and visitors temporarily kept in the park for virus testing, the city government announced, while social media posts said some amusements kept operating for guests who were blocked from leaving.

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Ayrton Schenker: An 8 year old golfer dreaming of US Kids Golf

ORANJESTAD – “My dad encouraged me and I found the sport fun.” Those are the first words that Ayrton Schenker said during a special interview with our reporter in which he was asked to speak about what he loves the most, golf and soccer.

During his first interview with the press, Ayrton showed he is a nice third grader at Mon Plaisir School, who began finding his passion for sport from a very young age.

His father, Neomar told us that four to five years ago, he was living in a hotel in Curaçao where he was on a special assignment. There he was taking golf lessons recreationally, and when Ayrton would come stay with him they would play golf together. This is how golf became Ayrton's favorite sport. “There we began realizing that he has love for the sport, and he began showing interest since he was three years old”, Neomar mentioned.

He also said that he signed Ayrton up for baseball as well, but there he realized that his son didn't have

the same connection, and decided to sign him back up for golf. Neomar says that he was happy. “Actually when I was in Curaçao I was living by myself, and as a distraction I began with golf. When Ayrton would come stay with me we would go in nature, and that's where the connection came from and he picked that up. Now I dare say that he plays better golf than me”, he said.

Ayrton's father points out that golf has importance for a person during their whole life, “where you challenge yourself and have discipline.” This is why when Ayrton showed interest in playing golf, his father began dedicating all his time to it, so that his son would grow in this sport.

Currently Ayrton is training in Tierra del Sol with coach James Kiley (golf professional instructor at Tierra del Sol) in order to achieve his dream of going to the United States with US Kids Golf Foundation. Ayrton says his idol is Tiger Woods.

US Kids Golf was created in the year 2000 and is dedi-

cated to making golf easier to learn so that it can be enjoyed by children. They recognize the need of implementing training programs for youth competitions. They also organize more than 1,600 events throughout the year, thus becoming the biggest organizers of golf tournaments in the world.

This organization makes sure that children between the ages of 4 and 12 years old can receive the opportunity in different states where competitions are being held. “But before you can reach US Kids Golf you need to go through certain qualification, before you can get there”, Neomar said.

They began making contact with the organization in order for Ayrton to reach this goal. Neomar says that they want to go to Medellin, Colombia so that Ayrton can play and qualify in six rounds, increasing his score so that he can go to the United States “so they can see how Ayrton is doing and he can obtain his official handicap.”

In golf terms, handicap is an average of hits per tournament that each player has. This is also depending on the terrain on which was played.

Aruba doesn't have its own approved organization or federation like US Kids in the United States. “You cannot qualify in Aruba and see how your score is in order to reach US Kids. Golf is a game heavily based on gentleman and must have people to witness if the child is really that good. This is why you need to have a qualification to certify the child's level”, Neomar assured us.

But Ayrton's dream is split, because he also enjoys playing soccer and wants to play this sport professionally. Aside from being as good as his idol Tiger Woods, he wants to be as good as Dylan Ross, a lo-



cal player, in order to travel around the world doing what he loves the most – playing soccer or golf accompanied by his father, who is also his number one supporter, always standing behind him.

All this without leaving school aside. Ayrton's fa-

vorite subject is math, which he uses a lot and applies for golf.

To finalize, Neomar's message to other parents is this: “Let children go in that which they enjoy.” Ayrton finished his interview saying “never give up and always go after your dreams.” □



3 Days of Mall-O-Ween Fun at Paseo Herencia



ORANJESTAD – Paseo Herencia held 3 days of Mall-O-Ween activities consisting of fun Halloween shows and games on stage, a scary Haunted Cinema Elevator experience, Trunk Show contest, the famous Trick or Treat event and much more.

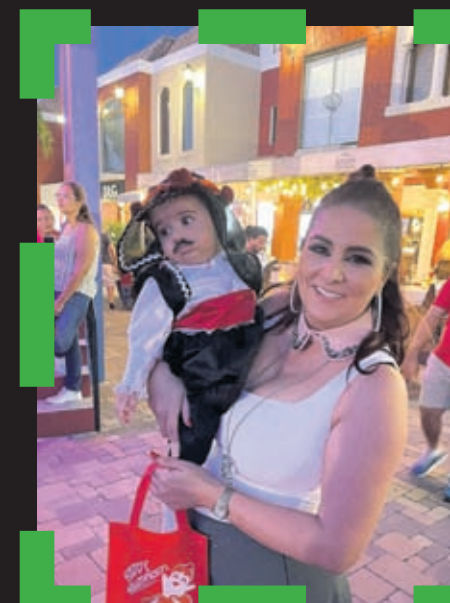
Friday, October 28th was the start of the Haunted Cinema Elevator at the Caribbean Cinemas. A unique and horrifying entrance starting at the bottom elevator till the entrance of the cinema. Visitors enjoyed this scary walk through right before catching one of the anticipated horror movies of Halloween Ends, Smile and Prey for the Devil.

The Halloween trunk show contest took place on Saturday in the Paseo Parking garage with spooky car designs ranging from 'Stranger Things' to 'Haunted House'. The theme of the winning car was 'Thunder & Lightning'. The team of 4 won gift vouchers from Paseo Herencia, TGI Fridays, Psycho Bunny and Athlete's Foot with a total value of AWG 500. On stage, there was the Halloween Dog Show hosted by Sgt Pepper's Friends with the opportunity to adopt adorable dogs followed by a youth group dance show.

Many families enjoyed Trick or Treating on Sunday at the Paseo stores, restaurants and cinema. The first 500 kids in Halloween costumes received a free Halloween bag to go trick or treating. Kids also enjoyed the Halloween show and games on stage where many won fun prizes.

Aside from the thrilling plaza activities, stores also had spooky deals with up to 50% OFF and the restaurant offered unique Halloween food & drinks over the weekend.

Paseo Herencia is a fun place to visit especially for the Holiday season with Black Friday deals, local Christmas entertainment, variety of pop ups and much more. Visit Paseo Herencia's Facebook page or website to see the upcoming events and promotions. □



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On November 1, 2022, Post Aruba N.V. issued a new stamp series. This stamp series is called 'Landscapes of Aruba' and was designed by Mr. Elvis Tromp.

Aruba is, although small, rich in different types of landscapes. The landscape is largely desert like, because the climate is very dry all year round. In the south, the landscape is quite flat with miles of white beaches and the sea is relatively calm there.

The northern part is more hilly and the sea is rougher there. This turbulent sea on the north coast has ensured the formation of several natural bridges.

Very striking in the landscape of Aruba are the suddenness of giant boulders, originating from volcanic activities. Known are the stone formations at Ayo and Casibari.

The Hooiberg immediately stands out in the flatter part of Aruba. From the top you

can have a beautiful view over the island. The Lighthouse in California (Hudishibana) stands imposingly in the middle of a beautiful landscape bordered by dunes on one side and the turquoise blue sea on the other.

Through the North-East wind, the trees in particular the Watapana and Fofoti are fused to the southwest. These trees that grow with the wind direction are very popular and are often used as promotional material for Aruba. The aloe plant and the cactus provide a unique and spectacular unit.

This stamp series and First Day Cover envelope are available at all post offices, namely in Oranjestad and San Nicolas and via the web page postaruba.com/stampshop

Make sure you have this stamp series in your collection, because the stock is limited.



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Aruban cherry season

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Etnia Nativa through Island Insight shares native cultural awareness educates and safeguards Aruba's heritage and encourage readers to experiment an island keeper state of mind. Live and discover true destination values behind our beaches and commercial entertainment offerings. Discover the true native reasons of concern in every episode and uncover more reasons to love this incredibly wonderful rock called Aruba through this cultural blog.

In this episode we are raising awareness regarding this native wonder plant, aka Caribbean wild cherry and "shimarucu" for the Arubans Lin. *Malpighia emarginata*. This fruit is also commercially known as Acerola. The wild cherry plant is native to Central America and it's found in the northern South America, Mexico, and the Caribbean. The shimarucu is a very particular fruit and a companion for walks along the island's trails. Its taste doesn't resemble that of a cherry you buy in the supermarket and we natives like to enjoy it as a home remedy, to fight colds or prevent flu or simply savor it. Considering that it is a good nutrient and that has a high percentage of vitamin C which helps boost immunity.

Research supports that cherries in general are not only high in antioxidants but also abundant important vitamins and minerals such as potassium, which is known to reduce the risk of hypertension and certain cardiovascular diseases.

Cherries, despite being a small and sweet and sour



fruit, it carries a series of health benefits that makes them excellent supplement to any food diet and have even earned recognition of the American Institute for Research Cancer (AICR) for being among the foods that fight cancer. A detail valid for all types of cherries and even for our "shimarucu" is

that while they are more intensely red in color they have higher acidity and also higher antioxidant content, so make an "ugly face" and eat them, since they are very beneficial for your health.

Eating or drinking shimarucu as a supplement can help you meet your daily vitamin C needs, making it a boon during cold and flu season. As for its other claimed benefits (digestive aid, antidepressant, and athletic endurance, anti-diarrhea, and other conditions), scientific proof and research is available, while recent studies are revealing support to these claims.

If you love Aruba, its origins and its cultural heritage we encourage you to do something different outside the tourist grid. Become one of the exclusive and limited visitors of Etnia Nativa a private residential set up where you will be able to touch and be touched by authentic Aruba, admiring native art collections, archaic as well as archaeological artifacts, colonial furniture and items you'll enjoy inside a recycled environment fully of peace and relaxation.

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Painter creating works underwater

To create awareness and protection for marine life

ORANJESTAD – Soon Aruba will be part of a pilot project from a foundation that not only creates a new experience, but also has as its main goal to bring awareness to our people regarding the protection of our environment and marine life.

The important figure in this project is painter Marion Gerard from Canada.

Marion H. Gerard is one of 5 sub-aquatic painters in the world. A genre and discipline created by Andre Laban in 1968, an engineer famous for his collaboration with the famous personality Jacques Cousteau.

The act is a careful and responsible process because it involves paintings done under water, at varying depths and temperatures, but also different types of colors in each dept – the deeper you go, the more the colors change underwater because of the reflection and lack of light. This without taking into consideration that

some days the water is calm and some days it is clouded. More information on this project will be known in the future.

Artist Marion holds the record for the painting made at the deepest point possible, which received recognition by the Guinness World Book of Records (# 15091722461tdup) in 2016, and the temperature down there was 3 degrees Celsius. All this was done with the goal of educating and creating awareness regarding nature, caring for our environment and appreciation for all that our marine life has to offer.

During the pandemic, the French-Canadian painter suffered an accident which left her bedbound for two years, and last December she began walking again after being declared handicapped by her doctors. During her vacation in Aruba her rehabilitation began and not only she began diving again with the help of

the professionals at Pure Diving Aruba, but it was here she also began painting again after her accident. This was the beginning of a new era with new goals and new records.

Her life mission which began nine years ago was brought to life again. But everyone who is interested can meet Marion, to chat, dialogue, exchange ideas and experiences regarding the possibilities for a better future for our children.

Marion will have her first three works painted in Aruba during an exhibition at Aruba Art Fair which will take place next weekend. As soon as that is done, from Tuesday on she will begin with the first of six diving sessions for the month of November. All this in connection with the launch of Red Cactus Foundation Aruba.

This will conclude with an exposition of all her works, their story, goals and other collaboration with pillars of care of our beautiful island. □



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By THOMAS JOSEPH

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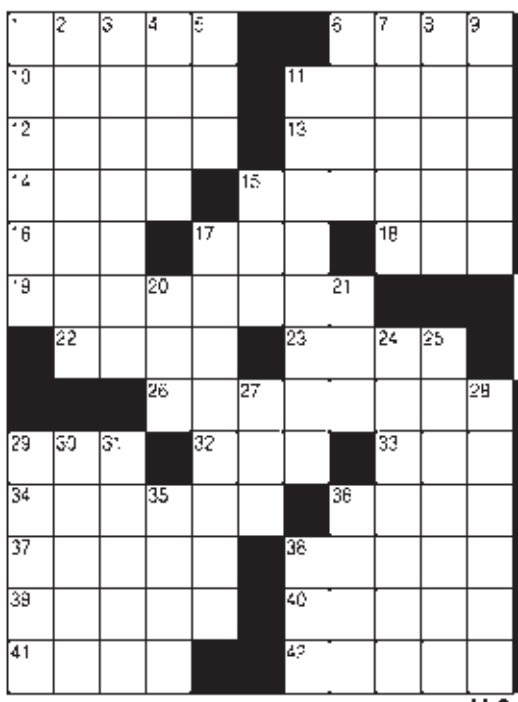
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Stocks turn lower as hot jobs report signals aggressive Fed

By DAMIAN J. TROISE AP
Business Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks gave up early gains and turned lower on Wall Street after an unexpectedly strong report on the job market raised concerns that the Federal Reserve will need to keep the pressure on inflation with aggressive interest rate increases.

The S&P 500 was down 0.5% after the first hour of trading. It had been up as much as 1% shortly after trading opened. The Dow Jones Industrial Average fell 161 points, or 0.5%, to 32,576 and the Nasdaq fell 0.5%.

The Labor Department reported that U.S. job openings rose unexpectedly in September, suggesting that the labor market is not cooling as fast as the Fed

hoped for as it tries to slow economic growth.

The latest jobs data, which comes ahead of a broader employment report on Friday, is disappointing for

investors who are looking for signs that inflation is easing and that the Fed might consider tempering its interest rate increases. □



Traders work on the floor at the New York Stock Exchange in New York, Tuesday, Oct. 4, 2022. Stocks are opening widely higher on Wall Street, Tuesday, Nov. 1, turning around after a loss a day earlier. Several companies were rising after reporting solid earnings or outlooks, including drugmaker Pfizer and Uber, which soared after issuing a strong forecast for bookings.

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Hyundai recalls SUVs for fire risk in computer

DETROIT (AP) — Hyundai is telling the owners of more than 44,000 SUVs in the U.S. to park the vehicles out-

doors because they can catch fire even if the engines are off.

The automaker says certain 2018 Santa Fe Sport models should be parked away from other vehicles and structures until they are repaired as part of a recall. The SUVs have anti-lock brake computers that can malfunction and develop an electrical short. That can cause too much electricity in the computer, increasing the risk of a fire. They weren't included in a February recall of more than 350,000 vehicles for the same problem.

Dealers will replace a fuse with one that limits the current going to the anti-lock brake module. Owners will be notified by mail starting Dec. 26.

Hyundai says in documents posted Tuesday by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration that it has four reports of engine compartment fires from vehicles included in both recalls. No injuries were reported. □



The company logo adorns a tower at a Hyundai dealership Monday, Oct. 17, 2022, in Loveland, Colo. Hyundai is telling the owners of more than 44,000 SUVs in the U.S., Tuesday, Nov. 1, to park them outdoors because they can catch fire even if the engines are off. The automaker says certain 2018 Santa Fe Sport models should be parked away from other vehicles and structures until they are repaired as part of a recall.

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Amazon Music expands catalog to 100M songs for members

By JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
AP Entertainment Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Amazon Music is gearing up for a massive content expansion: The streaming giant will offer a full catalog of music with more than 100 million songs for members. The streaming service told The Associated Press that members will gain hundreds of millions of songs a huge increase from 2 mil-

lion in shuffle mode without any advertisement at no additional costs. It will also include most top podcasts ad-free including Wondery's catalog of premium shows along with series like "MrBallen Podcast: Strange, Dark & Mysterious Stories" and Keke Palmer's new original podcast "Baby, this is Keke Palmer." "We can't wait for members to experience not only a

massively expanded catalog of songs, but also the largest selection of ad-free top podcasts anywhere, at no additional cost to their membership," said Steve Boom, vice president at Amazon Music. Amazon Music says the decision behind the huge increase came after customers pressed for access to a full catalog of music. Now, members will be able to shuffle play any music artist, album or playlist with the option to upgrade to the Amazon Music Unlimited tier to get on-demand access which has spatial audio along with songs in HD and Ultra HD. □



The Amazon logo is displayed at a news conference in New York on Sept. 28, 2011. Amazon Music is gearing up for a massive content expansion: The streaming giant will offer a full catalog of music with more than 100 million songs for members. Associated Press

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The Rock Hall of Fame opens to Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis

By **MARK KENNEDY** AP Entertainment Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame this year will induct Eminem, Dolly Parton, Lionel Richie, Carly Simon and two guys in sunglasses who have scored more No. 1s on the Billboard Hot 100 than all of those other acts combined.

Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis are the rare songwriting and producing team to get into the prestigious hall, and they hope it will lead to more artists like them being inducted.

"Songwriters are like farmers," said Jam. "When you go to a nice restaurant, the chef is like the artist and you thank him for the meal. But where did he get the food from? Without the farmer, he doesn't have any food to cook. And that's the way songwriters are to me."

The duo's chart-topping pop hits include Janet Jackson's "When I Think of You;" Mariah Carey's "Thank God I Found You;" George Michael's "Monkey;" Boyz II Men's "On Bended Knee;" Janet and Michael Jackson's "Scream;" and Mary J. Blige's "No More Drama." They have five Grammys and went into the Songwriters Hall of Fame in 2017.

"I don't know if you could ever recognize songwriters enough. I mean, they are the fuel that fuels everything," said Lewis.

"There are great songwriters out there that never get the shine that they deserve."

One song in particular might typify the Jam and Lewis range "Got 'Til It's Gone," which combines a folk sample from Joni Mitchell, the hip-hop of Q-Tip and Janet Jackson's R&B voice.

"We're kind of at a crossroads or an intersection of a lot of different music," said Jam.

Jam and Lewis started out in competing bands and became part of Prince's band, The Time, in Minneapolis. After parting ways with The Purple One, the duo established a recording studio and production company. Their collabora-



Jimmy Jam, left, and Terry Lewis pose for a portrait in New York on Monday, July 26, 2021. The duo, who've worked with Prince, Janet Jackson, Mariah Carey, Boyz II Men, will be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Associated Press

tion with Janet Jackson on her monster albums "Control" and "Rhythm Nation 1814" solidified them as hit-makers.

The Rock Hall on Saturday will also induct Eurythmics, Duran Duran, Judas Priest, Harry Belafonte, Elizabeth Cotten and Pat Benatar. Jam anticipated that one act closely associated with the duo would be the one who inducts them but didn't go into specifics, raising speculation that it will be Janet Jackson.

They credit music executive Clarence Avant and an earlier songwriting powerhouse duo, Gamble & Huff, for showing the way forward. They hope to do the same with their induction: "It's wonderful and hopefully shines a spotlight on other people like us who do what we do that are deserving."

They grew up listening to different genres. Jam was a pop fan, soaking in Seals and Crofts, America and Chicago. Lewis leaned more toward Parliament-Funkadelic and Earth, Wind & Fire.

"Terry liked the funky bottom. I like the pretty top," said Jam.

You can hear that combo throughout their career,



Jimmy Jam, right, and Terry Lewis pose after winning the Grammy Award for Producer of the Year for their work on Janet Jackson's "Control" album at the Grammy Awards in Los Angeles on Feb. 24, 1987. The duo will be inducted into the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Associated Press

starting with their first hit, S.O.S. Band's "Just Be Good to Me."

They're responsible for more than 50 Billboard No. 1 songs on the pop, R&B and dance charts for everyone from Rod Stewart and Sting to Patti LaBelle.

They tailor the song to the artist and choose for themselves a non-nonsense wardrobe of black suits and sunglasses. Next year, they celebrate their partnership hitting its 50th anniversary.

"We're kind of at a point of our careers where we don't have anything to prove, but we still have a lot to say," said Jam. "We just want to leave music in a better place, whether it's through technology, whether it's through the songs we make, whether it's the people we influence that are making music now."

Turn on the radio and you will likely immediately hear the influence of Jam and Lewis. Famed Swedish pro-

ducer Max Martin channeled the duo while crafting hits for Britney Spears, the Backstreet Boys and NSYNC. Charlie Puth is a fan, and Bruno Mars gave the pair a shout-out on the Grammy stage for paving the way when he won album of the year for "24K Magic."

One thing Jam and Lewis would like to see change is more recognition for the folks behind the tunes. Lewis worries that music today is often seen like a utility, a faceless service like water or electricity that's taken for granted.

Jam misses the days when a record sleeve included tons of information about the music makers, like the name of the engineer and mixer.

"The reason we're writers and producers now is because we could look at records back in the day and instantly see who produced it and who wrote it," said Jam.

These days, it's hard to find credits on streaming sites and the duo think that's a problem.

"What it does is it devalues the music because it communicates the idea that music just comes out of nowhere. It doesn't come out of nowhere. There's people in this," Jam said.

After decades of making music for other people, Jam and Lewis last year made their debut album as artists, "Jam and Lewis, Volume One" featuring Babyface, Toni Braxton and Mariah Carey. They plan on more such albums and hope to perform live next year, too.

The goal then as it always has been for these men who push the sonic envelope is to build a musical bridge in this time of divisions.

"It's all about taking people young, old, white, Black, straight, gay, Democrat or Republican, whatever and for the time we're on stage, bring all of them together," said Jam.

"If you could do that, that to me is the magic of music." □

Qatar gives fans paid trips to sing at World Cup ceremony

By GRAHAM DUNBAR AP
Sports Writer

GENEVA (AP) — Up to 1,600 fans of the teams that qualified for this year's World Cup are being recruited for an all expenses-paid trip to Qatar to sing in the opening ceremony and stay for at least two weeks promoting positive social media content about the soccer tournament and the host nation.

Fans from each of the 32 teams are needed for a five-minute, fan-themed section of the ceremony before Qatar plays Ecuador in the opening match on Nov. 20. They will perform a chant or song specific to each country, chosen by the organizers, according to documents seen by The Associated Press.

The program has excluded "persons with obvious political affiliation" and aims to recruit 30 to 50 supporters from each team who were able to show "their status as a purist fan," the documents state.

"The camera will focus on each national fan group in turn," the recruits have been told about the show at Al Bayt Stadium north of Doha. "Be ready in your shirt, flags and scarves to cheer and shout."

The fans are being offered economy-class flights and use of apartments worth



People gather around the official countdown clock showing remaining time until the kick-off of the World Cup 2022, in Doha, Qatar, Thursday, Nov. 25, 2021. Qatar will host the 2022 FIFA World Cup but soccer isn't the only sport played in the Gulf Arab country. From traditional pursuits to worldwide competitions, Qatar increasingly has marketed itself as a host for sports of all sorts.

Associated Press

thousands of dollars to stay until at least Dec. 4, or for the entire tournament if they choose, plus a daily allowance of 250 Qatari riyals (\$68).

The opening ceremony project is an extension of a longer-term plan by World Cup organizers to choose "Fan Leaders" in each country who are asked to be social media influencers using the hashtag "IAMAFAAN." Those key fans are asked to "incorporate, where appropriate" content provided

by Qatari organizers and support the World Cup "by 'liking' and re-sharing third party posts."

The fan leaders have been told "we are not asking you to (be) a mouthpiece for Qatar," but "it would obviously not be appropriate for you to disparage" the country or the tournament. The influencers have also had to agree to "report any offensive, degrading or abusive comments" on social media to the organizing committee and, if pos-

sible, take screenshots.

In a statement, Qatari organizers said they had consulted with a "Fan Leader Network" of more than 450 people in 59 countries to help improve the World Cup for visitors.

"As the tournament nears, we have invited our most active fan leaders to personally nominate a small selection of fans to join us as our guests to participate in the opening ceremony," the Qatari Supreme Committee for Delivery & Legacy

said, as a way of "thanking them for their collaboration." The Qataris claim that the influencers are "leaders within their communities." But the Football Supporters Europe group, which is recognized by UEFA to consult on fan issues, disputed that assertion.

"What is very clear is that they are not fan representatives. They are employees or volunteers of the World Cup and should be considered as such," FSE executive director Ronan Evain told the AP.

About 1.2 million international visitors are expected in Qatar for the month-long tournament, which has faced criticism and skepticism ever since the gas-rich emirate was picked by FIFA in December 2010.

Qatar was among nine candidates to host the 2018 or 2022 World Cup. The process later underwent a FIFA-appointed investigation into the integrity of bidding campaigns.

The FIFA ethics committee, which had limited powers to gather evidence, said in a 2014 report published in full three years later that there was widespread misconduct among the bidders but it had not swayed the hosting votes. Russia was awarded the 2018 World Cup and Qatar got the 2022 edition. □

Fans in 'Fight Antisemitism' shirts courtside at Nets game

By DENIS P. GORMAN Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Fans wearing "Fight Antisemitism" shirts occupied some courtside seats at the Brooklyn-Indiana game on Monday night, days after Nets guard Kyrie Irving tweeted out a link to a film that includes anti-Jewish tropes.

Irving posted the link to the film "Hebrews to Negroes: Wake Up Black America" on Twitter on Thursday. The synopsis on Amazon said the film "uncover[s] the true identity of the Children of Israel."

He defended his decision

to do so on Saturday, then deleted the tweet Sunday after a massive outcry including criticism from Nets owner Joe Tsai and the Anti-Defamation League, along with a statement from the NBA denouncing all forms of hate speech. Irving said Saturday he embraced all religions and defiantly defended his right to post whatever he believes. "I'm not going to stand down on anything I believe in," Irving said.

"I'm only going to get stronger because I'm not alone. I have a whole army around me."

Nets coach Steve Nash said Monday that he looks at the matter as "an opportunity for us to grow and understand new perspectives."

"I think the organization is trying to take that stance or they may communicate through this, and try to all come out in a better position and with more understanding and more empathy for every side of this debate and situation," Nash said.

Irving has previously supported the idea of the Earth being flat, recently shared an old clip from conspiracy



Fans with matching shirts look on as Brooklyn Nets guard Kyrie Irving (11) walks by during the first half of an NBA basketball game against the Indiana Pacers, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022, in New York.

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theorist Alex Jones, and was unavailable for most of the Nets' home games last season because he refused to be vaccinated against COVID-19, as was mandat-

ed in New York City.

The Nets then declined to give him a contract extension this summer, meaning Irving could be in his final season with the team. □

Chubb runs for 2 TDs, Browns blast Burrow, Bengals 32-13

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CLEVELAND (AP) — For the first time this season, the Cleveland Browns put it all together and played like a complete team offense, defense special teams.

Scary, on Halloween.

"It was one of those days where we imposed our will," quarterback Jacoby Brissett said.

Nick Chubb rushed for two touchdowns and Myles Garrett and Cleveland's defense frustrated Joe Burrow as the Browns thrashed Cincinnati 32-13 on Monday night, keeping the Bengals star quarterback winless against them.

Garrett, who came to FirstEnergy Stadium wearing a Halloween costume, led a fired-up defense that sacked Burrow five times and held the Bengals (4-4) to 229 total yards, 100 in the first half.

"Myles was very good," Browns coach Kevin Stefanski said with a smile. "He does what No. 95 does. He was playing dominant out there. He is very difficult for people to block one on one. He gets a ton of attention, and when that happens, others are getting one on ones."

Burrow has already been to the Super Bowl in just three NFL seasons. However, the Ohio native has yet to beat Cleveland, dropping to 0-4 in four career starts against Cincinnati's AFC North rival. The Browns (3-5) ended a four-game losing streak, and in the process saved their season from slipping away as they try to stay competitive while awaiting quarterback Deshaun Watson's return from an 11-game suspension.

Garrett was pleased with the performance, but as the Browns head into their bye, he stressed it won't mean anything without another one like it.

"It has to be routine. It has to be the standard," he said. "We have to make sure that everything we did leading up to this game is the same the week after this one. We wave what it takes. We have taken our lumps, but we will show what we have



Cleveland Browns running back Nick Chubb (24) carries the ball with Cincinnati Bengals cornerback Chidobe Awuzie (22) and linebacker Germaine Pratt (57) defending during the first half of an NFL football game in Cleveland, Monday, Oct. 31, 2022.

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and our dedication to the game and what it takes to get wins in this league because they don't come easily.

"Right now, to get a win like this, and in a dominant fashion, it is showing the guys how good we can really be."

Brissett ran for a TD and passed for another, leading Cleveland to its fifth straight win over Cincinnati. He completed 17 of 22 for 278 yards and a career-high 133.7 rating while outplaying Burrow.

Chubb scored on runs of 3 and 11 yards, and Brissett added a 3-yard TD run and connected with Amari Cooper on a 4-yard pass in the second half as the Browns built a 25-0 lead while playing their best all-around game in 2022.

"The game was 25-0 before you even know it," Bengals coach Zac Taylor said. "We just didn't come back. The worst thing to do against the Cleveland Browns is to give them a two, three score lead with their running game and their pass rush."

Led by Garrett, Cleveland's defense, which has strug-

gled for most of the season, put relentless pressure on Burrow, who was without top receiver Ja'Marr Chase because of a hip injury.

However, even a healthy Chase may not have been enough to help Burrow. He finished 25 of 35 for 232 yards with two TDs and one interception.

"He's one of the elite of the elite in the game," Burrow said of Garrett, who finished with 1 1/2 sacks. "He's always going to make plays like he did tonight."

Burrow connected on scoring passes in the fourth quarter to Tyler Boyd and Tee Higgins, but those only helped him pad his stats and took some sting out of the scoreboard.

Garrett set the tone for a scary performance for the Browns by dressing up as Vecna, the sinister alien-like character from the TV series "Stranger Things." This was indeed a strange night as the Browns finally looked like a competent team and recorded a lopsided win after so many close losses. "We expect him to set the tone for us," Brissett said of Garrett. "He will come up and tell you that he fed

off of a lot of those other guys. There were not a lot of places for them to throw the ball tonight, and that was because of the back end but also because of the front end."

It was Cleveland's second blowout of Cincinnati in the past two years. The Browns thumped the Bengals 41-6 in their first meeting last year.

"They've had our number the last couple of years," Burrow said. "They always play well against us, they have real good players in defense and are really well coached."

BENGALS BROKEN

Cincinnati did not allow a second-half touchdown in its first seven games before the Browns scored three TDs after halftime.

TRADE TALK

With the trade deadline Tuesday, Browns running back Kareem Hunt has been involved in rumors for weeks. The chatter about his future began when he demanded to be dealt in August after the team failed to offer him a contract extension. Hunt ran for 42 yards on 11 carries.

HADEN HONORED

Former Browns cornerback Joe Haden served as the honorary game captain. He signed a one-day contract to officially retire with Cleveland, which drafted him in the first round in 2010. Haden was a two-time Pro Bowler during seven seasons with the Browns before playing for rival Pittsburgh.

INJURIES:

Bengals: CB Chidobe Awuzie left the stadium on crutches and his right knee immobilized. ... CB Tre Flowers (hamstring) left in the third.

Browns: RT Jack Conklin went to the locker room late in the first half with an undisclosed injury, but returned after halftime.

UP NEXT

Bengals: Host the Carolina Panthers on Sunday.

Browns: Bye week before visiting Miami on Nov. 13. □

